

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday 12th February 2015
ROOM 30 Parliament Buildings**

Present: Mr. Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)
Mr. Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr. William Humphrey MLA
Mr. Leslie Cree MLA
Mr. David Hilditch MLA
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr. Basil McCrea MLA
Ms. Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA
Mrs. Karen McKeivitt MLA

Apologies: Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)
Miss Maria Magennis (Assistant Clerk)
Mr. Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr. Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)

The Committee opened in public session at 10:05 am

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Draft Minutes

The draft minutes for the 5th February 2015 meeting were agreed.

3. Briefing from Belfast City Council on EU Matters

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:08 am

Ms Laura Leonard, European Manager, Belfast City Council

Ms Deirdre Hargey, Chair of European Committee, Belfast City Council
The officials briefed the Committee.

Mr. Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10:12 am

A question and answer session followed.

Mrs. Karen McKeivitt joined the meeting at 10:40 am

4. Briefing from DCAL on EU Matters

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:55 am

Ms Angela McAllister, Head of Arts Branch, DCAL

Mr Michael O'Dowd, Head of Finance Branch, DCAL

The official briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

5. RaISe Paper on EU Matters

The following officials joined the meeting at 10:55 am

Dr Dan Hull, Research Officer NI Assembly

Mr Christopher Eisenstadt Bursary Student NI Assembly

The official briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr. William Humphrey left the meeting at 11:13 am

Mr. David Hilditch left the meeting at 11:20 am

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 11:21 am

Mr. Dominic Bradley left the meeting at 11:25am

Mr Oliver McMullan re-joined the meeting at 11:35 am

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 11:36 am

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11:40 am

Noted: The Committee noted the RaISe paper on European Issues relating to culture, arts, and leisure.

Mr Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 11:08 am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to all of the Arm's Length Bodies regarding European funding.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DCAL regarding the EU feasibility study being carried out and suggest that the Department partners with Belfast City Council, with regard to European funding.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Sport NI with regard to the Milk Cup Tournament and seek clarification if European funding had been sought, also to forward the RaISe paper on European Issues to them.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Arts Council NI to arrange a briefing from their European Desk Officer.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write again to the Minister regarding the Arts and Culture Strategy to seek membership for the Ulster-Scots Agency and Foras na Gaeilge on the Departmental Steering Group permanently and ask for the Ulster-Scots Community Network to be added to Ministerial Arts Advisory Forum to broaden its inclusivity.

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 12:04 pm

6. Matters Arising

Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12:40 pm

Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 12:42pm

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 12:42 pm

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 12:43 pm

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 12:50 pm

Mr Gordon Dunne re-joined the meeting at 12:52 pm

Mr William Humphrey left the meeting at 12:54 pm

Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting at 13:01 pm

Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 13:25 pm

Noted: The Committee noted the Correspondence Tracker.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department asking for more clarity on funding for the Ardoyne Youth club.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask the research officer to investigate some more detail of the European issues raised.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL response re the Post Project Evaluations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the DCAL correspondence to the Linen Hall Library.

7. Correspondence

Noted: The Committee noted the outcome of the joint consultation on policy proposal for a Fisheries Bill.

Noted: The Committee noted the Correspondence re the Consultation on the Final Budget allocation to DCAL.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from OFMDFM Committee re European Commission work.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Clerk should bring options for Committee EU priorities back to Members for consideration and approval.

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL correspondence re the review of the Sign Language Roadmap

Noted: The Committee noted the DCAL correspondence re the Irish Language Bill

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister seeking a timeline for the various stages of the development and introduction of the Irish Language Bill.

8. Chairperson's Business

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from the Irish Language Broadcast Fund.

Noted: The Committee noted the invitation from Ulster Scots Music Traditions.

Noted: The Committee noted the Euro Meet 2015 Program and also agreed to write and request that a weekend day be included in the programme.

9. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee sought to add other venues to visit on 4th/5th March visit to Londonderry and it was agreed to identify these and produce an itinerary for this visit.

10. AOB

Agreed: The Committee agreed to bring back to Committee the Ofcom documents to enable a response to be sent.

11. Date, Time, and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place in Parliament Buildings Room 30 on Thursday 19th February 2015 at 10.00 am.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 13:30.pm.

Mr. Nelson McCausland

**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure
19th February 2015**